

# Board of Education Agenda Item

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Date: September 27, 2006

**Topic:** Final Review of Nominations to Fill Vacancies on Board of Education Advisory Committees: Advisory Committee on Adult Education and Literacy, State Special Education Advisory Committee, Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education, Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted, and the Advisory Board for Teacher Education and Licensure

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☐ Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

☐ Board review required by

☐ State or federal law or regulation

☐ Board of Education regulation

☒ Other: Board of Education Bylaws

☒ Action requested at this meeting

☐ Action requested at future meeting

## Previous Review/Action:

☐ No previous board review/action

☒ Previous review/action: First review of nominations recommended for appointment date: July 26, 2006  
action: List of nominees was received for first review

**Background Information:** Article Nine, Section 2 of the Board of Education's bylaws states the following:

Advisory Committees. Advisory committees may be created by the Board for special purposes to include, but not be limited to, federal and state-mandated committees. An advisory committee shall be composed of persons who represent the views and interests of the general public and who are known to be qualified to perform their duties. Personnel of the Department of Education may be appointed to the committee, as members or as consultants. All appointments to an advisory committee shall be made by the Board upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. . . .

Findings and recommendations of the Board of Education's advisory committees are provided to the Board in a manner and at a time prescribed by the Board.

**Summary of Major Elements:** The Board of Education has six advisory committees, five of which have vacancies for the three-year term of July 2006 to June 2009. (The nomination process for the Student Advisory Committee is handled through a special procedure that will be conducted in the early fall. Therefore, nominations to the Student Advisory Committee are not being accepted at this time.)

Superintendent's Memo Number 116, dated May 26, 2006, announced that the Board of Education is seeking nominees to fill the current advisory committee vacancies. The Superintendent's Memo and public notices were distributed broadly to local divisions, statewide organizations, special interest groups, and other interested individuals. The deadline for submission was July 10, 2006.

In addition, Superintendent's Memo Number 231, dated December 2, 2005, announced the call for nominations to fill the vacancies on the Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted. (NOTE: This committee's call for nominations was initiated in December, as was the practice in previous years. The call for nominations was initiated prior to the time that the current procedures were put in place.)

Please note that two of the five advisory committees require specific categories for membership. The categories are set by Code or regulation.

The advisory committees and the current vacancies are shown in the following table.

<b>Advisory Committee</b>	<b>No. of vacancies 2006-2009 term</b>	<b>Required categories</b>	<b>No. of nominations received</b>
Advisory Board for Teacher Education and Licensure	5 vacancies 3 reappointments	Classroom Teacher (Elementary Reading Specialist) Division Superintendent School Board Member Classroom Teacher (Middle) Higher Education (Private institution: faculty members in teacher preparation programs who may represent the arts and sciences)	23
State Special Education Advisory Committee	4 vacancies 2 reappointments	Classroom teacher (special education) Parent of a child with a disability, Region 1 Parent of a child with a disability, Region 8 Person with a disability	15

<b>Advisory Committee (Cont'd)</b>	<b>No. of vacancies 2006-2009 term</b>	<b>Required categories</b>	<b>No. of nominations received</b>
Advisory Committee on Adult Education and Literacy	6 vacancies	No specific category required.	9
Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee	2 vacancies	No specific category required.	2
Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted	10 vacancies	No specific category required. (Note: Superintendent's Memo Number 231, dated December 2, 2005, announced the call for nominations to fill the vacancies.)	22
Student Advisory Committee	Nominations will be accepted in the early fall under a separate nomination/selection process		N/A

Following the close of the nomination period, nominations were reviewed by department staff. As specified in the Board's bylaws, nominees are recommended for appointment by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Every attempt was made to balance the membership by geographic region as well as gender and ethnicity.

The nominees recommended for appointment to the 2006-2009 term are as follows:

Advisory Board for Teacher Education and Licensure

Nominees recommended for appointment:

- Classroom Teacher-Elementary Reading:  
Dawn Rees-Blakeman, Title I Reading Specialist, Roanoke City Public Schools
- Division Superintendent:  
Dr. Gwen E. Edwards, Nottoway County Public Schools
- School Board Member:  
Ann Y. Williams, Hopewell City Public Schools
- Classroom Teacher (Middle):  
Susan K. Shoap, Swift Creek Middle School, Chesterfield County Public Schools
- Higher Education (Private Institution):  
Dr. Carol C. Grove, Master of Arts in Teaching Program, Mary Baldwin College

Members recommended for reappointment:

- Business Community:  
Rene Massey Ashjian, SalesBoost, Glen Allen, VA

#### Advisory Board for Teacher Education and Licensure (cont'd)

- Classroom Teacher-Secondary:  
Cynthia D. Baird, Brentsville High School, Prince William County Public Schools
- Higher Education (Public Institution):  
Dr. William H. Graves, III, Dean, Darden College of Education, Old Dominion University

#### State Special Education Advisory Committee

Nominees recommended for appointment:

- Classroom teacher (special education):  
Melodie M. Henderson, ED/LD teacher, Richmond City Public Schools
- Parent of a child with a disability, Region 1:  
Carletta Pittman Wilson, Parent of a child with a disability, Region 1
- Parent of a child with a disability, Region 8:  
Carol Hamilton, Parent of a child with a disability, Region 8
- Person with a disability:  
Trevor Scott Green, Christiansburg

Members recommended for reappointment:

- Anne Fisher, Parent of a child with a disability, Region 2
- Carmen Sanchez, Parent of a child with a disability, Region 4

#### Advisory Committee on Adult Education and Literacy

Nominees recommended for appointment:

- Dr. David L. Red, Adult ESOL Coordinator, Fairfax County Public Schools
- Barbara E. Gibson, Associate Director, The Literacy Institute of Virginia, VCU
- Dr. Cynthia Cooper, Director of Alternative and Adult Education, Hampton City Public Schools
- Jacqueline A. Venable, Director of Adult Education, Halifax County Public Schools
- Betty A. Mullins, Classroom Teacher, Tazewell County Public Schools
- Dr. Bonita M. Moore, Director, Office of Adult and Community Education, Fairfax County Public Schools

#### Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee

Nominees recommended for appointment:

- John C. Barnes, Corporate Vice President, Potomac Supply Corporation, Heathsville, VA
- Tracee B. Carmean, MSM, RN, Vice President, Riverside Health Systems, Yorktown, VA

#### Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted

Nominees recommended for appointment:

- Dr. Ellen Fithian, Independent Educational Consultant, Poquoson
- Dr. Judith Greathouse, Coordinator of Gifted Programs, Frederick County Public Schools
- Laura Hall, Smyth County School Board
- Tamra Oliver, Consulting Teacher, Montgomery County Public Schools
- Brian Pace, Director, Piedmont Governor's School
- Mary Downing Roberts-Gabay, School Counselor, Richmond City Public Schools
- Diane Sterbuzel, Resource Teacher, Manassas City Public Schools

Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted (cont'd)

- Margaret S. Turley, Middle School Coordinator for Gifted Education, Bedford County Public Schools
- Pamela Ward, Resource Teacher, Arlington County Public Schools
- Judy Williams, President, Virginia Association of the Gifted

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education adopt the list of nominees recommended for appointment to Board of Education advisory committees.

**Impact on Resources:** The operating expenses and other costs associated with the meetings and functions of the Board of Education's advisory committees are provided through the Department of Education's operating funds. Where applicable, federal funds are provided to support the expenses and the work of an advisory committee.

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:** Appointees will be notified following their appointment. The appointments will be retroactive to July 1, 2006.